Anno Regni
GEORGII II.
REGIS
Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
SEXTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at *Weſtminſter*, the Twenty third Day of *January*, *Anno Dom.* 1727. In the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence continued by ſeveral Prorogations to the Sixteenth Day of *January*, 1732. being the Sixth Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

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An Act for reviving ſo much of the Act made in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected more effectually to perform their Quarentine, and for the better preventing the Plague being brought from foreign Parts into* Great Britain *or* Ireland, *or the Iſles of* Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, *or* Man, *and to hinder the ſpreading of Infection*, as relates to the performing of Quarentine, and preventing the ſpreading of Infection, and to enable His Majeſty to prohibit Commerce with any Country or Place infected with the Plague, for a certain Time therein limited.

WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Firſt Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine, and for the better preventing the Plague being brought from foreign Parts into *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or the Iſles of *Guernſey*, *Jerſey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*, and to hinder the ſpreading of Infection, it was amongſt other things enacted, That the ſaid Act, and the ſeveral Clauſes and Proviſions therein contained, ſhould commence and take

Preamble reciting the Act 1 Geo. II.

Effect, from and after the First Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty eight, and that the same, except so much thereof as enabled His Majesty to prohibit or restrain Commerce between His Majesty's Subjects, and those of any other Country or Place infected with the Plague, and the several Powers, Provisions, Penalties, Matters, and Things relating thereto, should continue in Force for the Space of Two Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer: And whereas the said Act was found to be useful and beneficial, but is expired, and certain Places in foreign Parts being at this Time visited with the Plague, it is become necessary that some Provision should be made by Parliament for obliging Ships and Persons coming from any Place so infected more effectually to perform Quarentine, in such Manner as hath been or shall be ordered by His Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, and for punishing Offenders therein in a more expeditious Manner than can be done by the Ordinary Methods of Law, and for preventing the bringing in and spreading of Infection: Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much and such Parts of the said Act, as was or were thereby enacted to continue in Force for the Space of Two Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer, shall be, and is and are hereby revived, and shall be and continue in full Force from the Second Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty three, for and during the Space of Two Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

So much of the Act 1 Geo. II. as relates to the performing Quarentine, &c. continued 2 Years longer from 2 *June*, 1733.

And whereas it may be judged necessary by His Majesty for securing His Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, from so dreadful a Calamity as the Plague, to prohibit or restrain the Commerce between His Majesty's Subjects, and those of any other Country or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague; and it will be requisite to enforce such Prohibition or Restraint by severe Penalties, be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the King's Majesty (in whose great Wisdom and Care for the Preservation of His People they do under

the Divine Protection confide) by one or more Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued at any time or times before the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons to go from the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, unto any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, and also to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, whatsoever, to ship, export, carry, or send, or cause or procure to be shipped, exported, carried or sent, directly or indirectly, from or out of the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, unto any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes whatsoever, for and during such time and times, before or until the Twenty fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four, as shall be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, under the Penalties herein after mentioned, and in such Manner and Form, and under such Regulations, as in and by such Proclamation and Proclamations respectively shall be prescribed.

His Majesty, by Proclamation, before 24 *June*, 1724. may forbid any Person to go from *Great Britain*, &c. to any Place infected, &c.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the King's Majesty, by the same or any other Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued at any time or times before the said Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four, under the said Great Seal, to prohibit or forbid all and every Person and Persons whatsoever to come or pass from any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, into the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, and also to prohibit and forbid all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, to import or bring, or cause or procure to be imported or brought, directly or indirectly, into Great Britain, Ireland, or any of the Isles aforesaid, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes whatsoever, from any Kingdom, Country, or

or to come from any infected Place to *Great Britain*, &c.

Place, that is or shall be infected with the Plague, to be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations, for and during such time and times, before or until the said Twenty fifth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four, as shall be specified in such Proclamation or Proclamations under the Penalties herein after mentioned, and in such Manner and Form, and under such Regulations, as in or by such Proclamation or Proclamations respectively shall be prescribed.

Persons exporting Goods contrary to Proclamation to forfeit double the Value.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, who shall export, or cause to be exported, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, contrary to the Tenor or true Meaning of any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall forfeit double the Value thereof, to be ascertained and recovered, as the Value of any uncustomed or prohibited Goods is by Law to be ascertained and recovered.

500 *l.* Penalty on going to infected Places after Proclamation,

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if, at any time or times after the issuing and publishing such Proclamation or Proclamations respectively, as aforesaid, any Person or Persons shall visit, go to, or frequent any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, contrary to the Tenor or true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act, then and in every such Case the Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, One Moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them who shall sue for the same by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or in the proper Courts of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, respectively; and that if, at any time or times aforesaid, any Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons, coming from any Kingdom, Country, or Place, which is or shall be infected with the Plague, shall enter into, or any Goods shall be landed out of, such Ship or Vessel in any Port or Place within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or any of the Isles aforesaid, contrary to the Tenor or true Meaning of such Proclamation or Proclamations, and of this Act, every Person offending therein respectively, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy; and such Ship or Vessel, Goods or Merchandizes, so actually entring into, or being landed in any such Port or Place, contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of

Landing Goods contrary thereto Felony without Benefit of Clergy,

and Ships and Goods forfeited.

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any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall be forfeited to His Majesty: And moreover that all and every Person and Persons, who, after such Proclamation issued, shall cause or procure any such Goods or Merchandizes to be imported contrary to the Tenor and true Meaning of any such Proclamation, and of this Act, shall forfeit treble the Value thereof, to be ascertained and recovered as the Value of any uncustomed or prohibited Goods is by Law to be ascertained and recovered, Two third Parts whereof shall be to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors (the Charges of Prosecution and Recovery being born by His Majesty) and the other Third Part thereof to him or them who shall seize, inform, or sue for the same.

Persons procuring Goods to be imported contrary to Proclamation to forfeit treble the Value.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Proclamation to be issued for prohibiting Commerce from any Place or Places infected with the Plague, pursuant to this Act, a reasonable time shall be allowed before the Prohibition declared by such Proclamation shall commence, Regard being had to the Distance of such infected Place or Places from Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isles aforesaid respectively, and to the Times within which Notice of such Proclamation may arrive at such infected Place or Places.

Reasonable time for Notice to be allowed in the Proclamation.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of the said Act, and if it shall appear so to have been done, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants, and if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgment shall have been given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same, as the Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

Provided always, and be it hereby enacted, That no Attainder of Felony by Virtue of this Act shall extend to work any Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture of any Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

Attainders by this Act not to extend to Corruption of Blood, &c.

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